

## HARRISON TERRY LYNCHED

HANGED WITH A WELL-ROPE.

An Armed Band of Bedford Men Took the Law Into Their Own Hands and Executed a Death Sentence.

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LIBERTY, VA., May 18.—Our usually peaceable and law-abiding town and community have been plunged into additional sorrow by the lynching of Harrison Terry, a body of unknown men. About half after 2 o'clock this morning a band of forty or fifty masked men rode up to the jail in this place and, after securing admittance, went into Terry's room and took him out and hung him to a tree on the hill south of and in sight of town.

The excitement of Saturday passed off, and many thought there would be no trouble. However, the funeral services of Terry took place yesterday at his home, some twenty miles south of this place. It was perhaps the largest crowd that ever attended the funeral of any man in the county—that is, outside of town.

Terry was exceedingly popular. He was the tobacco-planter's friend, and by befriending some in making advances on their crops, and owing to his goodness of heart and genial, pleasant manners, was held in high esteem and was much beloved. It is thought by many that the scheme was planned by the funeral. Many things, however, unfortunate occurrence was precipitated because of the rumor of the insanity of Terry, which was unappreciated here Saturday, the parties engaged in the affair supposing Terry would be acquitted as young Martin was, and that the combination of circumstances so exasperated Terry's friends about his old home that they determined to put their resolutions into effect at once.

A QUIET AFFAIR.

Not a word was spoken by any of the crowd except those who demanded the keys of the jail from the keeper. All the men in the jail were masked and, well armed, and were evidently prepared to meet resistance. The unfortunate victim made no resistance, so far as is known, and did not speak. The lynching party took the rope from the back of the warehouse of Jeter & Newsum to hang him with, which well was in two feet of the spot occupied by Terry when he shot Jeter. A gentleman living in the south side of the county between this point and where Jeter was killed, says he passed a camp-fire in the wood and saw tracks of horses, indicating that the party were from that section of country and had made some stay at that point. There is unmistakable evidence now that the jail was closely watched by the lynchers lest an effort should be made to take Terry away, which certainly would have been done had not the judge felt that there was no danger.

TERRY'S INSANITY.

It is said to-day that there is abundant proof of Terry's insanity from physicians of high standing in Richmond and here.

Mr. Stratton, an old gentleman in this town, a tailor, was suddenly stricken with paralysis during the excitement of Saturday, and to-day is not expected to survive. Thus one calamity has followed another, and our whole town and community are made sad and sorrowing.

THE JAILER'S STORY.

The jailer had provided an assistant for the night, but the lynching party represented that they would lodge a man in jail, and when they got in would not allow the jailer to rise. As soon as the jailer and assistant could they gave the alarm, but too late to accomplish anything. The horrible deed was done so quietly, and so well planned had been the whole thing, that but few persons knew of it till morning.

The coroner had a jury summoned early this morning, took down the body, and rendered a verdict that Terry came to his death at the hands of unknown men, and the body was taken in charge by his friends.

The jailer says that parties with drawn pistols and shotguns assured him that they would kill him if he did not surrender the keys.

The prisoner was very apprehensive Saturday that he would be lynched, and sent to know if he was very restless last night, and did not take off his clothes, except his coat.

As soon as the object of the raid was accomplished the whole party left hastily for the south side, parties who had been aroused plainly hearing the galloping of the horses.

CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Personal Notes.—The Case of Young Martin. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

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Dr. J. S. Davis, professor of anatomy in the University of Virginia, who has been seriously ill, is considered better.

Mrs. Sallie E. Boyd died at an early hour Saturday morning. Her funeral services were held at the Baptist church yesterday afternoon. She left several children, the youngest only a few days old.

Mrs. F. A. Balthis was stopped on a public street a few nights ago by a negro, who attempted to rob her of her jewelry and pocket-book.

Mr. F. R. Lassiter, of Petersburg, has been awarded the orator's medal of the Jefferson Society. The honor was won over competitors well worthy of his steel. This is the last but one of Society honors to be bestowed. The magazine medal is the last.

The Temperance Debating Society of the debater's medal to J. B. Gibson, of Mississippi.

The slayer of Percy Carrington has been a somewhat novel experience. When the deputy sheriff returned to Charlottesville with Martin the keeper of the jail said that he could not receive Mr. Martin. In this predicament the officers of the law availed themselves of the proposition made by the defense at the outset—they accepted satisfactory bond of \$10,000 for the safekeeping of the young man, and allowed him to depart in the charge of his friends.

Dr. Minnigerode, of Richmond, preached at the University last night.

A case before the Circuit Court, in which heavy damages are asked of the Chesapeake and Ohio Company. A year or so ago one of the company's cars ran over two boys, severely injuring both, and the parents of one boy, who lost an arm, brings this suit. The plaintiffs are colored.

The Pharmaceutical Association of Virginia meets here to-morrow.

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